



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL
LETTER**

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER		Docket Number: 1662/53002	
Application Number 09/887,204	Filing Date June 22, 2001	Examiner Blessing M. Fubara	Art Unit 1618
Invention Title Rapidly Expanding Composition For Gastric Retention And Controlled Release Of Therapeutic Agents, And Dosage Forms Including The Composition		Inventors Moshe FLESHNER-BARAK et al.	

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Sir:

1. Transmitted herewith for filing are the following:
 - a. an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2005 for the above-identified application.
 - b. a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner and Request for Extension of Time Pursuant To 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)
2. The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA	RATE (\$)	FEE (\$)				
TOTAL CLAIMS	7	minus	112	0	50.00	0				
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	18	0	200.00	0				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					360.00	0				
					TOTAL	0.00				
					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL					

3. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.
4. A copy of this form is enclosed for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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